

**From:** Martha Jackman  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Wed, May 21, 2003 12:56 AM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Martha Jackman (Martinizing62@hotmail.com) writes:

Commissioner Adlestein,  
I have been watching your appearance on CSPAN and am glad to see that there is a different view as to the diversity of television and radio.

I live in San Diego and, I know that this is a republican/conservative community however, Clear Channel runs most of the music stations and the news/talk stations. In other words, they pretty much dominate the airwaves in San Diego County. To listen to another viewpoint, I do have NPR and a few independent music stations but, their ability to transmit is fairly low compared to most of the other stations that are owned by Clear Channel.

The lack of diversity only gives the people part of the story. Somebody might argue that most of the people are not interested in other viewpoints but, the minority deserves representation as well and, both sides might come out all the better if we know about the "other side".

I have contacted my Senators and Congressman Duncan Hunter about my concern. Please keep fighting to have true diveristy on the airwaves. We need this more than ever.

Thank you.

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**From:** Marion K Teisan  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, May 22, 2003 7:19 PM  
**Subject:** Comments to the Commissioner

Marion K Teisan (gjtmkt@cox.net) writes:

PLEASE DO NOT KEEP GIVING OUR AIR WAVES TO ONE OWNER LIKE MR MURDOCK OR ANY OTHER. ISN'T THERE ENOUGH ONE SIDED HATRED ON OUR AIR WAVES. THESE PEOPLE ARE DIVIDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. PLEASE STOP THIS HATRED.

MARION K TEISAN

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**From:** misho stawnychy  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 7:43 PM  
**Subject:** Please uphold consumer interests

02-277

Dear Mr. Powell:

Please do not repeal the cap and allow one company or conglomerate the ability to own more than 35 percent of any market.

We cannot count on decisions made by companies based on profit to represent consumers. The role of government and regulation is to protect the interests of individuals. Otherwise, what is the point of government and your role in it?

There is no beneficial reason for media consolidation besides profit for a small handful of companies.

Thank you for your consideration,

Misho Stawnychy

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein,  
jane.harman@mail.house.gov

**From:** Igoff  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, Commissioner Adelstein, KM  
**KJMWEB**  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 7:49 PM  
**Subject:** if the FCC makes the wrong decision tomorrow...

and fills our airways with "The Rush Limbaugh Show" we will all be in trouble. If you screw up we may be out buying Ham Radio's to get our news!!! Our media already covers only one side of everything and now your going to possibly make it worse? If it becomes more conservative it will be nothing but Ca-Ca. For instance, for 3 years now I have been writing the Whitehouse asking why we (the U.S.) are taking Isreal's side? The whole time feeling like I must be some kind of communist to have these beliefs. Are the conservative's in thier own little world or what? 'Cause Sharon is just as wrong as Arafat!!! ARE YOU PEOPLE BLIND??? Do you also control the media? (YES!!!) Do you need me to tell you that Sharon is also a terrorist!! Here ya' go!!! NEWSFLASH!!!! SHARON IS ALSO A TERRORIST!!!! Now I TOTALLY agree that Arafat is a special kind of idiot, never-the-less, they are both wrong. But the media is busy doing so much "butt-licking" that no one ever bothered to report the other side. OOOPS!!!! Until now...and I'm just wondering...Why now? You conservative's are all of a sudden jumping on the "Palestinian Bandwagon" (Lawrence Welk playing?). Am I a Jew hater? No!! The Jewish people have truly suffered and they deserve a homeland. However, if they are going to make a homeland in the middle of the Muslim World they had better learn to "play nice". AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TOTALLY WRONG FOR EVER "BABY-SITTING" SHARON IN THE FIRST PLACE. I can't think of anything more stupid than getting into a fight where both sides are "dead-assed" wrong. Who exactly is Sharon's "Puppet" anyway? How was this so "overlooked"? Where the hell have you people been???? Sun City?????? Playing shuffle board???????? Shheeesh....its pathetic.

\*\*Thank God for the BBC!!!!

Igoff  
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**CC:** president@whitehouse.gov

**From:** MikeD  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 7:49 PM  
**Subject:** Clear Channel Communications

I live in Denver, Colorado and have sadly watched as Clear Channel Communications slowly bought out most local radio, tv and newspapers

PUT AN END TO THESE HOMOGENIZED MASSIVE MEDIA CONGLOMERATES PLEASE! THEY DO NOTHING POSITIVE OR LONG LASTING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

Thank you,

Mike Demers

**From:** MAJIKJENIE@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjkweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 7:58 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Broadcast Ownership Rules

To Our Honorable Commissioner:

PLEASE! I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. I truly believe this would be a dangerous precedent.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. For the sake of our democracy and for our freedom please, I strongly urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Thank you.

With kindest regards,  
Mrs. Jean Keller  
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53220

**From:** Frank Macek  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 8:17 PM  
**Subject:** Opposed to FCC Guideline Relaxations

I am very much opposed to giving Clear Channel Communications and big media companies further opportunity to ruin the media industry with the proposed ownership changes.

1996 was the year radio ended.. Let 2003 not be the year that TV did the same.

Maybe you should try working in the industry to appreciate it's bad for the employees and bad for the viewer/listener.

I VOTE NO! Please do the same.

Frank Macek

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**From:** MAJIKJENIE@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjkweb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 8:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Media monopoly

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

If giant conglomerates gain near total control of radio and television news and information, their mission statements and /or company policies will narrow the scope and outlook on events, whether the meaning of spoken words or actions of events. Where consolidation occurs there is also loss of jobs. Our country became strong through diversification and competition. We should be encouraging more diversification not consolidation.

I therefore urge you to continue the ownership protections for the good of all Americans!

Thank you.

Gilbert Keller  
Greenfield, Wisconsin 53220



**From:** Lesley Segedy  
**To:** FCC FCCINFO, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, KM KJMWEB  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 8:38 PM  
**Subject:** HEARING on New Regulations

Hello FCC --

I understand that there will be a meeting on June 2nd. to consider adoption of newly poposed FCC regulations and guidelines concerning ownership of media.

As a United State citizen, and a "user" of all forms of media, I am shocked and yes, saddened, to hear that there will be no opportunity for public input on this matter. On the radio I hear that there are members of both congressional houses who are also questioning this decision.

Why is this ?

Since we are the ones forced to pay for the "entertainment", be it, television, radio, or newspaper, we should also have a chance to express our concerns regarding the ownership and authoring bodies. We want to maintain a balanced reporting of issues, so we are not hearing just one side interpreted by different people in different media venues in the same area.

We should be seeeking a wider variety of opinions, not fewer.

Please allow the hearing to be continued, and open your committee to the viewpoints of your constituents who are your employers !

If this is not the correct address for this message, please pass it on ASAP ! Thank you, Cheers, Peace --

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**From:** Ben Koral  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 8:49 PM  
**Subject:** The relaxation of restrictions

I only recently heard of the vote that will be made on whether or not to relax the restrictions on the consolidation of media ownership. Firstly I have to say that I'm stunned at the lack of coverage that I've seen on this topic. No one I know has even heard of this. Second I strongly urge you NOT to vote in favor of this motion. These rules are some of the only things keeping media mogels from having complete control over what information the public sees and hears.

Please do not vote in favor of this

Thank you  
-Ben Koral

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**From:** Henry Norr  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, [kjmweb@fcc.fcc.gov](mailto:kjmweb@fcc.fcc.gov), Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 9:02 PM  
**Subject:** Stop it!

Eliminating restrictions on media ownership is an outrageous idea, when there's already so little diversity in the American mass media.  
Postpone the vote, then drop the plan!

Henry Norr

**From:** Sannye  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 9:40 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: No Monopoly

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Sannye  
**To:** mpowell@fcc.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2003 6:39 PM  
**Subject:** No Monopoly

Dear Chairman Powell,

Thanks to OPB, I am aware well aware of how devastating it would be to democracy, to have fewer and fewer owners of broadcasting corporations. I trust you will do the right thing for America and for freedom and vote against this impending legislation. Please do not assume that all Americans are stupid like Enron and Global Crossing did. We do not need another disaster of any kind in this country. I hold you accountable. Knowledge is power. DON'T limit my information to just a few. PLEASE!

Sincerely,  
Sannye Phillips  
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**From:** sappo2@worldnet.att.net  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 9:49 PM  
**Subject:** rulings

Sir:

Please do not allow the FCC to loosen rules governing broadcast ownership.

Joyce M. Simonds

**From:** Bobbiewal@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 9:56 PM  
**Subject:** FCC

I strongly disapprove of loosening controls on the FCC so that more power will be in the hands of fewer. This is not what we want happening to our media. Roberta D. Dodson, 109 Meadow Lane, Orinda, CA 94563

**From:** Jerry Bowman  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:39 PM  
**Subject:** No

Do not allow media moguls to expand further.

**From:** Grace Hale  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:48 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I am writing to let you know how opposed I and many other Americans are to the proposed deregulation of the media. Democracy will not, indeed does not work when media ownership is concentrated in the hands of a few companies. Please postpone your Monday meeting and take the time to ask the American people, not just the media corporations, about these changes.

Sincerely,

Grace Hale

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Grace Elizabeth Hale  
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**From:** Jane Young  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:52 PM  
**Subject:** REPUBLICAN PARTY AGENDA AIRWAVE DOMINATION

THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PUBLIC!!!!!!!!!! NOT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!!!!!!  
FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO PROMOTE THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
THIS STINKS AND THE PARTY LOOKS REALLY BAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**From:** Larry Harris  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:54 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Please DO NOT change FCC broadcast ownership rules

Mrs. Kathleen Abernathy,  
Please DO NOT change the Broadcast Ownership Rules and Rules and  
Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio and Broadcast Stations!  
If you do, only a few companies will control the news and information  
that will be received by 80% of the people. The internet is not an  
alternative, when only 20% of the people pursue alternatives. Democracy  
is undermined when 80% of the voting population receives their news from  
only a few companies.

Larry Harris  
Belmont, California

**From:** Marc Duvivier  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:56 PM  
**Subject:** 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review

re: 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (MB Docket No. 02-277); Cross-Ownership of Broadcast Stations and Newspapers (MM Docket No. 01-235); Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets (MM Docket No. 01-317); and Definition of Radio Markets (MM Docket No. 00-244).

I am writing as a private citizen to urge the FCC to vote against adopting the proposed rule changes that will be presented on Monday, June 2, 2003.

The opinions expressed herein are my own and do not necessarily represent those of my employer Wavexpress, or our parent companies Sarnoff Corporation and Wave Systems, Inc.

I would also request that, if permissible, you keep my correspondence private.

I am working for a joint venture that has spent four years and over \$30,000,000 dollars trying to establish a technology platform that would vastly increase consumers quality and choice while dramatically reducing their costs for video programming. During that time I have seen first hand how the existing barriers are virtually insurmountable for new companies to ford. Specifically, the vertical integration of large corporations and their co-mingled interests (even when they are competitive in some markets) results in a lack of equal access to distribution networks and creates enormous barriers to obtaining quality programming. Although we are currently delivering DVD and HD quality programming across the Internet, including a DVD quality "personal TV channel" of presidential candidate Howard Dean (<http://www.howarddean.tv>), we have been unable to obtain any of the partnerships that would be expected if a true competitive market exists.

We started in the DTV space, where we determined after 18 months that there was little chance that broadcasters would ever act aggressively to deploy new technologies, because the system of licenses and regulation reduced both their incentives and ability (due to a poorly chosen modulation standard) to do so. 24 months later we know we were correct in our decision - lip service to broadcasters deploying digital television notwithstanding, most consumers have no real new services or choice in service providers in spite of the billions of dollars in public bandwidth made available to broadcasters.

At that time we switched to a strategy that focused on deploying over broadband, because our technology is particularly well suited to cable and satellite networks.

We could reduce our Internet distribution costs dramatically if we were permitted to utilize an Internet standard called IP Multicast across the networks of cable or satellite companies, but they will not provide this access because it would allow competition with their own programming products and services. Consumer pay \$30-\$50 a month for Internet access through some of these companies, but they are effectively permitted to decide who gets access to those consumers by controlling which Internet standards we are allowed to use. The same is true in satellite, where firms with integrated programming have no interest in allowing new companies to reach their customers with new or cheaper services that are not controlled by them.

We could provide digital distribution of DVD or HD quality video to any broadband enabled consumer in the country today, but we have been unable to secure rights from content providers. While they will cite a range of reasons, such as content security, we have demonstrated that we can address these concerns. The real issue is not addressing their concerns, however, but that these companies have inadequate incentive to allow their content to traverse new distribution paths. Example of this abound, such as Intertainer's inability to get movie rights while major studios set up their own competitive offering, Movielink.

It is self-evident that in a competitive world, distribution companies would want to embrace technologies that reduced costs on their network by orders of magnitude, and content companies would be anxious to supply content over new distribution channels. That they are not doing so is prima fascia evidence that a true competitive market does not exist.

It is my belief that the proposed changes will make this situation worse.

It is clear to me that a competitive landscape would separately regulate distribution providers and content providers, and require transparency and equal access to their offerings for service providers. If this were the case, I believe we or one of our competitors would be able to offer 5,000 channels of DVD and HD quality programming for as little as \$2.00 per month, today, and anyone who had an idea or opinion that they wanted to express would be able to cost effectively create their own forum for all to see.

This is the essence of free speech, not merely the right to talk, but the ability to be heard. While I am agreed that the current rules regarding broadcasters are outdated, the proposed revisions are a step in the wrong direction; the proposed rule changes will stifle smaller voices.

In the age of digital distribution and powerful receivers with massive storage capabilities, there is no reason that the original broadcaster model should survive. The consumer will be best served if their service providers are able to select from a wide content and distribution offering, and the consumer is able to select amongst the service providers to obtain what they want - no more, no less.

Respectfully,

Marc Duvivier

VP/Chief Technologist

Wavexpress, Inc.

**From:** john  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 10:57 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Why does this administration continue to reject the views of the people? Don't weaken the rules of the FCC!!!!!!!!!!!!

John J. Wilken

**From:** Joe Napolitano  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:08 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Mr Copps,  
Please put off the June 2 vote on FCC rule changes and open it up to public debate. Thank you.  
Joseph Napioitano

**From:** Joe Napolitano  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:08 PM  
**Subject:** <No Subject>

Mr Copps,  
Please put off the June 2 vote on FCC rule changes and open it up to public debate. Thank you.  
Joseph Napolitano



**From:** concerned citizen  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:22 PM  
**Subject:** 6-2-03

As a concerned citizen, I must urge you to delay the vote set for 6/2/2003  
media is an imparitive part of our freedom of speech and allowing further deregulation, is going to limit the  
information we the citizens recieve. please vote down this proposition.  
thank you for your consideration.  
Aviram soltes

**From:** Renee Bergan  
**To:** Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:30 PM  
**Subject:** Delay FCC date

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to consider delaying the FCC rule voting and allow time to have a democratic debate about its consequences.

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Thank you,

Renée Bergan  
<reneegade@earthlink.net>  
Renegade Pictures, Inc.  
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"...in such a world of conflict, a world of victims and executioners, it is the job of thinking people, not to be on the side of the executioners."  
--Albert Camus

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps

**From:** James Meyer  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:42 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: Proposed Law Change

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> I oppose any change in the law that will allow huge buy ups of media  
> entities by big purchasers and believe that any consolidation will  
> threaten our freedom of speech, not to mention other values we as  
> Americans cherish. When control of news is in the hands of just a  
> few, our basic freedom of reading and hearing diverse views and  
> opposing opinions is not only compromised but threatened to  
> extinction. The Patriot Act and other clamp downs by this  
> administration in the name of security come dangerously close to  
> resembling a form of dictatorship that we should be very wary of.  
> Our founding fathers never intended one person or entity to have such  
> power. Please do not allow this to be.  
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> "THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD" and some control mongers know it.  
>  
> Sincerely,  
>  
> Jim and Beverly Meyer  
4405 Pike Road  
Raleigh, NC 27613  
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**From:** Norman Gibons  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:43 PM  
**Subject:** A Citizen's Voice

Respected Commissioners and Chairman Powell:

Media including radio, TV, and newspapers must represent the public, not the stereotype of a few owners of media outlets (radio, TV, HDTV, newspapers and periodicals). Do not expand media ownership privileges.

Even as you read this message there is one company which owns almost 1200 media outlets. It is naive to hold that listeners have any option under these conditions, to hear both sides of any news event.

The strength of our nation lies in our ability to arrive at enlightened consensus. Enlightened consensus is not available when most news reports bear the imprint of one publisher, one faction, or one political party.

Let's not emulate the forgotten empires of yesteryear by allowing one ideology to control this wonderful nation.

Thank you for your attention.

Norman Gibons Skokie, IL 60077 (847) 674-7306

**From:** Berry Ives  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings (Thankyou for your message concerning medi

on 5/30/03 7:56 AM, Michael Copps at MCOPPS@fcc.gov wrote:

> Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know  
> that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you  
> will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and  
> thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important  
> not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from  
> the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our  
> country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with  
> your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks  
> for getting in touch.

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Michael Copps,

Thank you very much for your response to my email letter. It is nice to get a response when so often one feels that his opinions fall on deaf ears.

Berry

**From:** Kallyopae@aol.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 30, 2003 11:56 PM  
**Subject:** Re what the FCC is considering

Commissioner Copps:

Commissioner Abernathy:

As an ardent consumer of television and radio, I am totally opposed to the deregulations being considered by the FCC. I like having a variety of choices in the programs I can tune into and benefit from. Under no circumstances should the FCC make it a less competitive, less open, more aimed at corporate hegemony kind of market where the media are concerned.

Sincerely,  
Petyr V. Meidus  
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Kallyopae@aol.com

C2-277

**From:** Laurie Prindle  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 15, 2003 7:37 PM  
**Subject:** Maintain diversity in communications

Dear Commissioner:

Please do not allow large corporations to own more share of newspapers, radio and other sources of news and information than they do already. In a free society, we should not be subjected to this kind of hegemony. Instead, we should be working to facilitate a large variety of different viewpoints. This will make for better democracy.

Thank you.  
Laurie Prindle  
2358 Westcliffe Ln.  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

**From:** Cheryl LaFlame  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 15, 2003 7:53 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes

The proposed changes in FCC regulations are, in my opinion, harmful to a democracy. In order to form informed opinions, it is vital that citizens be presented with a variety of views and opinions. In the long run, our society is best served by diversity of opinion, which results in an educated electorate.  
Cheryl LaFlame



**From:** Leila Wise  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 15, 2003 8:08 PM  
**Subject:** FCC should serve the public

Leila Wise  
PO Box 244034  
Anchorage, AK 99524

May 15, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

I work in the field of advertising, and experience first hand the problems created by media conglomerates. Please do not loosen restrictions on ownership. It will stifle not only the free flow of information but our country's economy as well.

Sincerely,

Leila Wise

**From:** Brandon Bufe  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, May 15, 2003 8:13 PM  
**Subject:** 1st time opinionm

Dear Sirs:

In my 30 years of life, I have never felt as compelled to write to a member of my government as I do now.

I must raise my voice in opposition to any new FCC mandates or rules that would scrap the kind of apparatus we have in place to protect the flow of information from falling into a few privileged hands. I know that the FCC is considering some sweeping changes as to how much of a percentage of a media market an individual or corporation can own. I urge you to resist pressure to change. What corporations and networks are arguing for seems nothing short of an opportunity to create monopolies.

I cannot see how deregulation, in any form, could be considered good--whether you see in terms of a healthy, competitive market for media, or (more importantly) in terms of the healthy exchange of ideas that are so vital for a democracy.

I hope you will consider these opinions when you deliberate in June.

Thank you,  
Brandon Bufe  
BBufe@yahoo.com

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**From:** Pat  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 11:31 PM  
**Subject:** June 2nd meeting of FCC

To Chairman Powell and members of the FCC:

I understand there is going to be a meeting of the Federal Communications Commission where it will be decided if huge media moguls will be allowed to become even bigger.

If a large concentration of Newspapers, TV stations, Radio stations and Internet Providers are allowed to be controlled by just a few corporations then all we'll ever hear or see will be based on the dictates of those corporations. A very undesirable circumstance for all of us! Please don't let this happen to our country. Vote against allowing these big media giants to gain control of our free press.

Thank you,

Patricia Kraft

Derry, NH

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**From:** WACKO  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Mon, May 19, 2003 11:42 PM  
**Subject:** the right to choose:

This used to be a great nation! And one that you could be proud of. And you had a choice of things that you could listen to on the radio. And watch on the TV. But back then we only had two TV station. But there were enough stations on the radio to listen to.

We were able to listen to or hear at least ten to fifteen different opinions. Now you have one hundred radio, and TV station in every town, and about three opinions. You listen to all the talk shows. And all you get is sex, homo's, lesbian's on most of the talk show's. And all the news on TV is so control by the government, or the top executives of the company's they run, and the politician they serve.

Control by moneys to elect the rich and tell the people of the U.S. what they want us to hear. You have taken away most of our rights. Knowing that we do not have the moneys to fight the government or big business that control what we watch, and what we hear.

The time is now for you to let us still have a voice in what we hear, and see. And give the people a voice in a government that is about to be pass history. The government has turned its back and a deaf ear to the people they are suppose to serve.

The shape this government will leave us in. My great grand kids will still be paying when they die.

It would be a great deed that you would be doing if you would leave the broadcast ownership rules in place, and stop media monopolies.

Give us a viewpoint and let us decide what we can see and hear. And a chance to let it be our voices that stops the media corporations from taking our right to know away. The United States is a leader in the world and her people should know the truth. And not just from a media conglomerate that does keep opposing views from the people of the United States of America.

The American people should never be censored from the truth.

Americans should watch BBC if they want to hear the truth about what is going on in the world. If you watch BBC and then ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN. You can see what the American station's leave out. Now FOX is about to become just like the rest.

I hope you will think about what this will do to truth in America.

Thank You!  
James L. Strickland Sr.  
6752 Bear Trail  
Cocoa, Fla. 32926

**From:** Lawrence E. Eisenberg  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 1:16 AM  
**Subject:** mergers

Dear Commissioner (Chairman),

I implore you to keep the current limitations of media ownership. I feel that diversity of ownership contributes to diversity of programming, and the American people should have as many options as possible when it comes to news sources, opinions, and entertainment.

Thank you,  
Lawrence E. Eisenberg

**CC:** KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps

**From:** Steve Crain  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 6:57 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Please do your job

Thank you for your response.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Michael Copps" <MCOPPS@fcc.gov>  
To: <shds1200@comcast.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 4:58 AM  
Subject: Re: Please do your job

Thank you for your message concerning media consolidation. I am happy to know that you are participating in the debate over this issue and hope that you will continue to do so in the weeks leading up to the June 2 vote and thereafter. We must come to grips with this issue because it is so important not only for the kinds of entertainment we get from our media, but also from the standpoint of what it means for the news and information that sustains our country's democratic dialogue. I hope you will talk about this issue with your friends, neighbors, local media and government officials. Again, thanks for getting in touch.

**From:** Kristine Hager  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 8:59 AM  
**Subject:** Help make our voice count

I urge you to vote against adopting the "Broadcast Ownership Rules".  
Please do not stifle the voice of the public by huge media conglomerates.

Thank you, from the "little people".

**From:** John Hauf  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** Please allow more time for debate on consolidation

Dear Mr. Powell,

The matter of allowing further consolidation of the media is too important to rush into without much more extensive debate. Most of the people in the country are still unaware of the implications. Please honor the democratic process let us have a thorough airing of the issues.

John Hauf  
Mill Valley, CA

The opinions expressed are my own and not necessarily those of my university.

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein



**From:** Randall G. Knowles  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 12:04 PM  
**Subject:** June 2nd Vote

I urge you to decline the opportunity to allow media to grow larger. I believe in competition but there are some businesses which are too hard to compete with due to the initial financial investment. AOL, Time-Warner are examples. To maintain our freedom we need many media sources owned by many people. randy

Reply to: Knowlesmt@Bigfoot.com , Randall Gene Knowles, Chartered Financial Consultant, Certified Financial Planner(tm), LUTC Fellow, 3017 Ninth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405-3421 voice 406-452-7250, fax 406-454-3791 <http://knowlesmt.home.attbi.com>

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke

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**From:** Dawn Stiffler  
**To:** Mike Powell, Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes

Dear Madam and Sirs,

The proposed changes in broadcast law that loosens the rules on radio and TV station ownership are not in the best interest of our nation. Our nation is made up of many peoples from many walks of life. These differences help make America great. Allowing the radio and TV stations to be bought up by monopolies will not allow these differences to be shown on each local station. Nor will it allow local communities to keep or reject programming they want or don't want.

Please do not fix what is not broken.

thank you

dawn stiffler

**From:** Ballard, Jerry  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC FCCINFO  
**Date:** Tue, May 20, 2003 12:42 PM  
**Subject:** Please... 'No' on Docket 02-277

Dear Commissioners:

I ask you to look closely at the disastrous effects that previous relaxation of ownership limits has had on the public airwaves and beg you to vote against more such relaxation.

Despite the claim that public airways have diminished in importance since the advent of the Internet, the fact remains that local stations remain the only source for the important local information upon which people rely. Traffic, weather, disaster alerts... all are vital information that cannot and will not be provided by national conglomerates. The Dakota debacle is only one example of the disinterest in local affairs displayed by monopolies such as Clearchannel.

Another recent example is the orders from Clearchannel management that 'local' DJs (i.e. regional playlist technicians) drop music by the Dixie Chicks, purely as political retribution.

The airways remain a public resource, and your job is to serve the interest of the public, not the profits of the monopolies (who will do just fine, thank you, without your help in expanding their empires.)

Sincerely

Jerry Ballard

Alameda, California